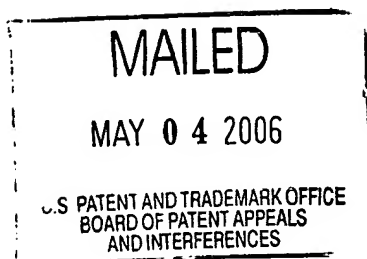


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Ex parte MA SHIPPING  
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Application No. 10/004,978  
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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER  
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This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on January 26, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below:

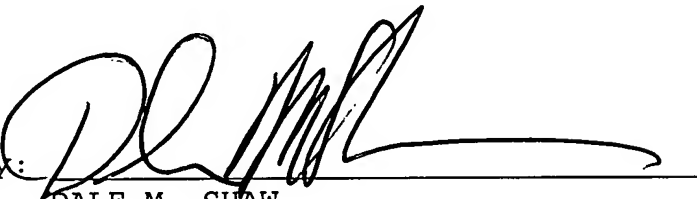
On January 17, 2006, appellant filed a Reply Brief. A review of the record reveals that the examiner has not responded to appellants' Reply Brief.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner to properly respond to appellant's Reply Brief filed on January 17, 2006, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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